



## CLEARING PERMIT

*Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

<b>Purpose Permit number:</b>	CPS 3771/3
<b>Permit Holder:</b>	Woodside Energy Limited
<b>Duration of Permit:</b>	29 August 2010 – 29 August 2015

The Permit Holder is authorised to clear native vegetation subject to the following conditions of this Permit.

### PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED

**1. Purpose for which clearing may be done**

Clearing for the purpose of onshore geotechnical and hydrological investigations for the Browse Liquefied Natural Gas Precinct.

**2. Land on which clearing is to be done**

Licence Number 1606-2008-01 Licence to Occupy Crown Land in Accordance with Section 91 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* (WA)

Located within the following properties:

Lot 259 on Plan 220696, Waterbank

Manari Road reserve, Waterbank (PIN 12065036)

**3. Area of Clearing**

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 25 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 3771/3.

**4. Application**

This Permit allows the Permit Holder to authorise persons, including employees, contractors and agents of the Permit Holder, to clear native vegetation for the purposes of this Permit subject to compliance with the conditions of this Permit and approval from the Permit Holder.

**5. Type of clearing authorised**

This Permit authorises the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation for activities to the extent that the Permit Holder has the power to clear native vegetation for those activities under the *Land Administration Act 1997* or any other written law.

### PART II – ASSESSMENT SEQUENCE AND MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

**6. Environmental management plan**

(a) The Permit Holder must prepare, implement and adhere to an *EMP*.

(b) The *EMP* must include:

(i) an Environmental Risk Assessment;

(ii) a plan for managing the *impacts*;

(iii) a table setting out the Permit Holder's commitments to the *EMP*'s requirements; and

- (iv) a program for monitoring compliance with the Permit Holder's commitments.
- (c) Once the Permit Holder has developed an *EMP*, the Permit Holder must provide that *EMP* to the CEO for the CEO's approval. The clearing to which the *EMP* relates and the implementation of the *EMP* shall not take place until the Permit Holder receives approval from the CEO.

#### 7. Weed control

- (a) When undertaking any clearing or other activity authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of *weeds*:
  - (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
  - (ii) ensure that no *weed*-affected soil, *mulch*, *fill* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
  - (iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.
- (b) At least once in each 12 month period for the *term* of this Permit, the Permit Holder must remove or kill any *weeds* growing within areas cleared under this Permit.

#### 8. Retain vegetative material and topsoil, revegetation and rehabilitation

The Permit Holder shall:

- (a) Retain the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing authorised under this Permit and stockpile the vegetative material and topsoil in an area that has already been cleared.
- (b) within two months following completion of onshore geotechnical and hydrological investigations for the Browse Liquefied Natural Gas Precinct, *revegetate* and *rehabilitate* areas no longer required for the purpose for which they were cleared under this Permit by:
  - (i) re-shaping the surface of the land so that it is consistent with the surrounding 5 metres of uncleared land; and
  - (ii) where deemed appropriate and documented by an *environmental specialist*, ripping the ground on the contour to remove soil compaction; and
  - (iii) laying the vegetative material and topsoil retained under condition 8(a) on the cleared area(s).
- (c) within 24 months of laying the vegetative material and topsoil on the cleared area in accordance with condition 8(b) of this Permit:
  - (i) engage an *environmental specialist* to determine the species composition, structure and density of the area *revegetated* and *rehabilitated*; and
  - (ii) where, in the opinion of an *environmental specialist*, the composition structure and density determined under condition 8(c)(i) of this Permit will not result in a similar species composition, structure and density to that of pre-clearing vegetation types in that area, *revegetate* the area by deliberately *planting* and/or *direct seeding* native vegetation that will result in a similar species composition, structure and density of native vegetation to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area and ensuring only *local provenance* seeds and propagating material are used.

### PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

#### 9. Records must be kept

The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit.

- (a) In relation to the clearing of native vegetation authorised under this Permit:
  - (i) the species composition, structure and density of the cleared area;
  - (ii) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings;
  - (iii) the date that the area was cleared; and
  - (iv) the size of the area cleared (in hectares).



- (b) In relation to the environmental management plan pursuant to condition 6, a description of the environmental management plan activities undertaken, in accordance with that environmental management plan.
- (c) In relation to the *revegetation* and *rehabilitation* of areas pursuant to condition 8 of this Permit:
  - (i) the location of any areas *revegetated* and *rehabilitated*, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings;
  - (ii) a description of the *revegetation* and *rehabilitation* activities undertaken;
  - (iii) the size of the area *revegetated* and *rehabilitated* (in hectares); and
  - (iv) the species composition, structure and density of *revegetation* and *rehabilitation*.

## 10. Reporting

- (a) The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO on or before 31 December of each year, a written report:
  - (i) of records required under condition 9 of this Permit; and
  - (ii) concerning activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January to 31 December of the preceding year.
- (b) If no clearing authorised under this Permit was undertaken between 1 January to 31 December of the preceding year, a written report confirming that no clearing under this permit has been carried out, must be provided to the CEO on or before 31 December of each year.
- (c) Prior to 29 May 2015, the Permit Holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under condition 9 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 10(a) of this Permit.

## DEFINITIONS

The following meanings are given to terms used in this Permit:

**direct seeding** means a method of re-establishing vegetation through the establishment of a seed bed and the introduction of seeds of the desired plant species;

**EMP** means environmental management plan;

**environmental specialist:** means a person who holds a tertiary qualification in environmental science or equivalent, and has experience relevant to the type of environmental advice that an environmental specialist is required to provide under this Permit, or who is approved by the CEO as a suitable environmental specialist.

**fill** means material used to increase the ground level, or fill a hollow;

**impacts** means any impact of clearing on environmental values;

**local provenance** means native vegetation seeds and propagating material from natural sources within 50 kilometres of the area cleared;

**mulch** means the use of organic matter, wood chips or rocks to slow the movement of water across the soil surface and to reduce evaporation;

**planting** means the re-establishment of vegetation by creating favourable soil conditions and planting seedlings of the desired species;

**rehabilitate/ed/ion** means actively managing an area containing native vegetation in order to improve the ecological function of that area;

*revegetate/ed/ion* means the re-establishment of a cover of *local provenance* native vegetation in an area using methods such as *regeneration*, *direct seeding* and/or *planting*, so that the species composition, structure and density is similar to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area;

*term* means the duration of this Permit, including as amended or renewed; and

*weed/s* means any plant -

- (a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*; or
- (b) published in a Department of Parks and Wildlife Regional Weed Rankings Summary, regardless of ranking; or
- (c) not indigenous to the area concerned.



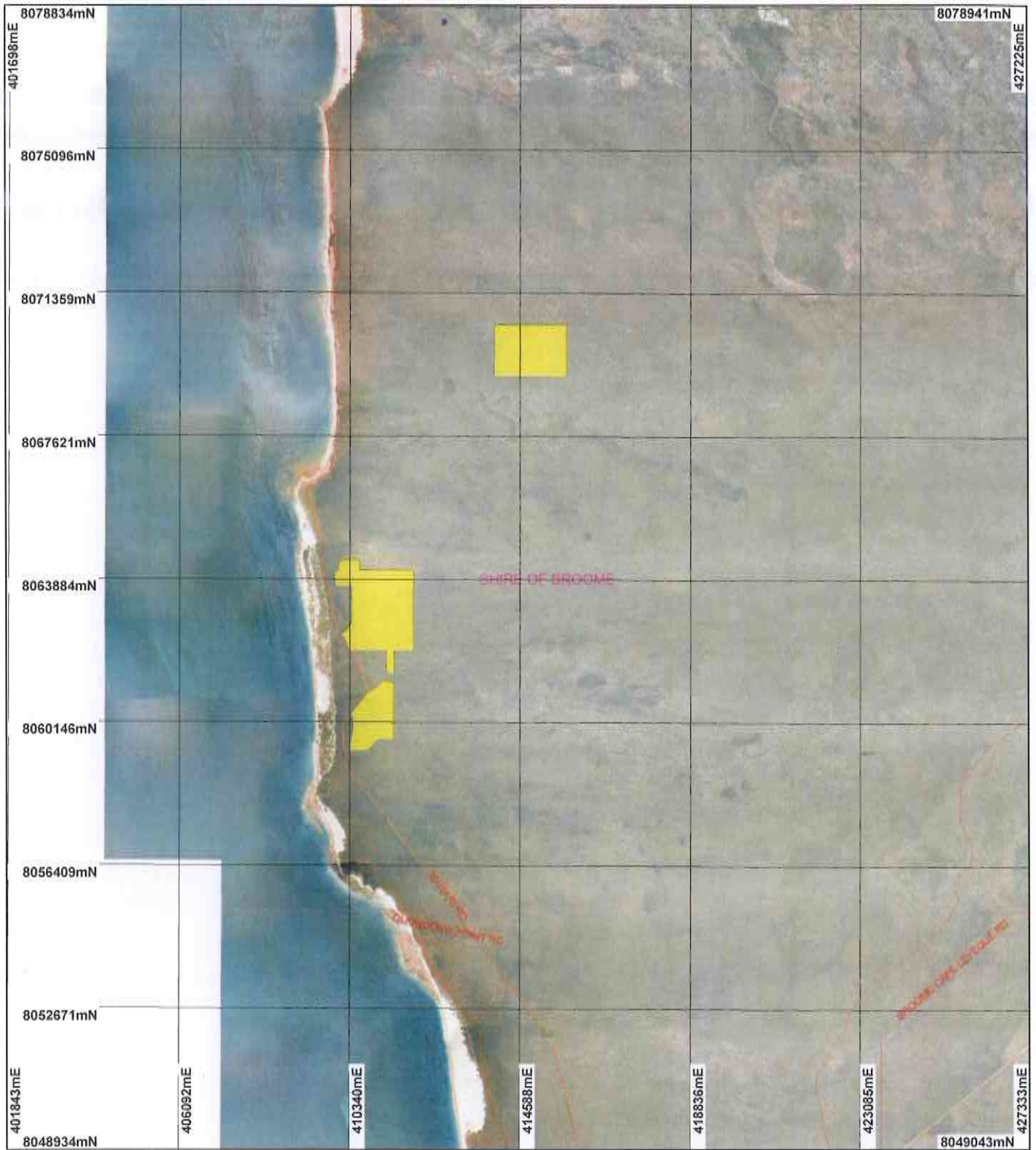
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



M Warnock  
SENIOR MANAGER  
CLEARING REGULATION

*Officer delegated under Section 20  
of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

16 October 2014

# Plan 3771/3



<b>LEGEND</b>		  Scale 1:138949 (Approximate when reproduced at A4)
Road Controlines 2008/09 Local Government Authorities Clearing Instruments  Areas Approved to Clear	Carnot 50cm Orthomosaic - Landgate 2007 Broome 50cm Orthomosaic - Landgate 2007	
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# Clearing Permit Decision Report

Government of Western Australia  
Department of Environment Regulation

## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 3771/3  
Permit type: Purpose Permit

### 1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: Woodside Energy Limited

### 1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 259 ON PLAN 220696 (House No. 259 WATTLE WATERBANK 6725)  
ROAD RESERVE (WATERBANK 6725)  
Local Government Area: Shire of Broome  
Colloquial name: James Price Point

### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
25		Mechanical Removal	Geotechnical investigations

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant  
Decision Date: 16 October 2014

## 2. Site Information

### 2.1. Existing environment and information

#### 2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description	Clearing Description	Vegetation Condition	Comment
Beard Vegetation Association:  750: Shrublands, pindan; Acacia tumida shrubland with grey box & cabbage gum medium woodland over ribbon grass & curly spinifex. (Shepherd et al, 2001)	The clearing of 25 hectares of native vegetation across three areas at James Price Point, for the purpose of conducting onshore geotechnical site investigations to inform the design of the proposed Browse Liquefied Natural Gas Precinct.	Excellent: Vegetation structure intact; disturbance affecting individual species, weeds non-aggressive (Keighery 1994)  To  Very Good: Vegetation structure altered; obvious signs of disturbance (Keighery 1994)	Vegetation condition was determined from aerial photography, photographs and information supplied by the applicant (WEL, 2010).

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

### Comments

This amendment has been made to change the definition of local providence from 10 kilometres to 50 kilometres.

The assessment against the clearing principles has not changed and can be found in Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 3771/1.

### Planning instrument, Native Title, Previous EPA decision or other matter.

### Comments

The assessment against Planning and Other Matters has not changed and can be found in Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 3771/1.

## 4. References

- Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.
- Shepherd, D.P., Beeston, G.R., and Hopkins, A.J.M. (2001), Native Vegetation in Western Australia. Technical Report 249. Department of Agriculture Western Australia, South Perth.
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